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FALL OF VARNA NOT CONFIRMED

No Further Details of Reported Russian Success.

FRENCH GAINING IN VOSGES

Victory on Western Front is Regarded in Allied Capitals as a Brilliant and Useful Operation at a Point Where the Situation Has Been Most Difficult.

London, Dec. 23.—The second American note to Austria shared the leading positions in the London newspapers with reports of the Russian success at Varna, Bulgaria's chief seaport.

The note appeared here too late for extended editorial comment, but the headlines reflected the opinions: "Note Couched in Sharper Tone," "All Discussion About Details Swept Aside," or "No Further Discussion Appears Possible."

There is no official confirmation of the report of the Russian occupation of Varna, which, if true, is, according to the London editors, "one of the greatest moves of the present war." The same critics believe that the Russian assault on Varna is the prelude to a new effort for Constantinople, which is less than 150 miles distant.

On the western front the success of the French at Hartmann's Veilerkopf, in the Vosges, is regarded in the allied capitals as not only a brilliant, but a useful operation at a point where the situation has been most difficult for many months. The number of prisoners is the largest on the west front since the great Champagne-Loos offensive.

The most important developments in Great Britain were an appeal by the leading bankers to the nation to unite in the task of meeting the war's financial requirements, and a speech by David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, at New Castle, to the trade union officials of the country, appealing to them for assistance in obtaining 80,000 skilled workers, which he demanded in his speech in parliament a few days ago.

The reports of the reichstag discussions have aroused some interest in the entente capitals, where the Socialist attitude is being closely followed, many believing that some section of the Socialist group in Germany may prove to be the ultimate channel of peace negotiations.

A Copenhagen dispatch declares that the Socialist party in the reichstag is now completely divided, twenty-one members having seceded and formed a new party with an independent organization.

CANADA PREPARED TO BATTLE TO END

New York, Dec. 22.—"Canada, while hoping that events of the next twelve months will lead to an abiding peace, is fully determined to spare no effort and shirk from no sacrifice to make triumphant the cause of the allies—the freedom of the world," declared Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Canadian premier, in an address at the one hundredth and tenth dinner of the New England society in New York.

Recounting what sacrifices Canada has already made Premier Borden said it stands ready to make still more, "firm in the conviction that humanity's struggle against the enthronement of force above right will not be in vain."

Premier Borden was cheered enthusiastically throughout his address, which was the first delivered by him in the United States since the outbreak of the war.

The banquet hall was decorated with American and British flags and the emblems of the states of the Union.

DYESTUFFS BEING HELD UP

Lord Robert Cecil Says Germany is Responsible.

London, Dec. 23.—Answering a question in the house of commons Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, said: "In April last the government expressed its willingness, on the urgent representations of the United States government, not to interfere with the shipment of dyestuffs already paid for by American importers.

GEORGE W. FAIRCHILD.

Succeeds Congressman Payne on Ways and Means Committee.



Photo by American Press Association.

Representative Fairchild of Oneonta is chairman of the New York Republican in congress and is becoming an important figure at Washington.

CAPTAIN VON PAPEN SAILS FOR GERMANY

New York, Dec. 23.—Germans prominent in commercial and official circles bade farewell to Captain Franz von Papen, formerly military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, who was recalled by the German government because of what the United States government considered improper activities in military matters.

Captain von Papen sailed on the steamer Noordam for Rotterdam by the way of Falmouth, Eng. The entente allies have given him safe conduct across the Atlantic.

Von Papen was appointed military attaché of the German embassy in December, 1913. Public attention was directed to him in September last when a letter which he wrote to his wife was found among the papers seized by the British government from James F. J. Archibald while he was carrying them to Europe.

In this letter Von Papen alluded to "bloodsucking Yankees," which was translated as "idiotic Yankees." He said the term was applied to New York publishers in whose papers his activities have been criticized.

NEW JAP LINER IS SUNK

Yasaka Maru Hit by Submarine in Mediterranean.

London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which sailed from London recently for Japan and passed Gibraltar Dec. 12, probably is the vessel, reported in the Paris dispatch as the Sada Maru, which has been sunk in the Mediterranean by an Austrian or German submarine.

A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from Port Said says:

"The Yasaka Maru sank in fifteen minutes. Perfect discipline prevailed among the passengers and crew and all lives were saved."

KAISER HAS A BAD COLD

German Emperor is Under Care of Throat Specialists.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says:

"Emperor William is suffering from a bad cold. He is under the care of throat specialists and confined indoors. He was greatly fatigued by his recent strenuous traveling and must take special precautions. The crown prince will pay a short visit to his father during the holidays."

HOLD BRITISH PARLIAMENT

Commons Extends Life of Body Eight Months and Increases Army.

London, Dec. 23.—The house of commons passed bills prolonging the life of the present parliament eight months and increasing the strength of the British army to 4,000,000 men. Both bills passed without division.

The new authorized army, H. J. Tennant, parliamentary secretary of the war office, told the house, is the largest army ever raised in this country.

Bulgarians Enter Greece.

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here, says that Bulgarian troops are entering Greek territory, but that if they are not attacked by Greek troops they will confine their operations to seizing the Saloniki railway.

MANIFESTO ASKS DETHRONE KAISER WARSHIP SAVES 300 PASSENGERS

Manifesto is Issued at Rotterdam Calling Upon Every German Soldier to Quit Trenches and Dethrone Kaiser—Japanese Liner Submarine, Passengers and Crew Saved by Warship—Two Turkish Barks Sunk by Russian Warships, Crews Captured

British Casualties at Dardanelles up to Dec. 11 number 112,921—Bulgarian Shore Batteries Drive off Warships—Henry Ford Cannot be Located when Peace Ship Starts—Millions of Pounds of Plum Pudding for British Soldiers—Sentence Commuted to Life

"DEPOSE KAISER FROM THRONE HE HAS FOULED"

Rotterdam, Dec. 23.—A Christmas manifesto calling upon every German soldier "to quit the trenches and depose the kaiser from the throne he has fouled" was issued by an organization called the German Humanity League. Karl Bernstein and nine others signed the document.

JAPANESE LINER SUBMARINED; PASSENGERS AND CREW SAVED

London, Dec. 23.—Nearly three hundred passengers and the crew of the Japanese Liner Yasaka Maru, which was submarine and sunk in the Mediterranean, were rescued by a French warship and landed at Port Said, among them one American. The boat, which was torpedoed without warning was afloat for a hour, and is one of the few instances where a passenger liner has been torpedoed unharmed.

SHORE BATTERIES DRIVE OFF FOUR RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Bulgarian shore batteries drove off four Russian torpedo boats which attacked a Bulgarian torpedo boat in the Black sea. The Bulgarian boat was unharmed.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS ATTACK BULGARIAN BATTERIES

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Petrograd has been received stating that the Russian torpedo boats had attacked Varna, and had beaten the Bulgarian shore batteries and forced them to withdraw. This apparently disposes of the report that the Russians had captured Varna.

WILL NOT FORCE ALLIES

London, Dec. 23.—Economic reasons will not force the allies to ask for peace before they have attained the main end sought, Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, told the house of commons this afternoon.

FRIGHTFUL LIST OF CASUALTIES

London, Dec. 23.—The British casualties at the Dardanelles up to Dec. 11 total 112,921. Under Secretary of War Tennant announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

COUNTER ATTACK REPULSED

Paris, Dec. 23.—An official statement says all German counter attacks in attempting to retake the French positions at Hartmanns-weilerkopf have been repulsed.

WEAR WHITE UNIFORMS

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Austrians wearing white uniforms for concealment in the snow, made an unsuccessful attempt to capture the Russian works near Buczac.

PLUM PUDDING ENROUTE

London, Dec. 23.—Three million pounds of English plum pudding is enroute to the soldiers in the trenches for Christmas.

CAUGHT AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE

Rome, Dec. 23.—The allied submarines have captured an Austrian submarine and are towing it to Malta.

TURKISH BARKS SUNK

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Two Turkish barks, bound for Constanza with benzine, were sunk by Russian warships, the crews being captured.

WILL BE NEUTRAL LEADER

Athens, Dec. 23.—It is reported that M. Gounarin, or some leader in the neutral party, will be appointed premier.

DECORATED WITH CROSS

Paris, Dec. 23.—General Paul Pau has been decorated by the Russian Czar with the French war cross.

Received Note Tuesday

Washington, Dec. 23.—The second American Ancona not was received at Vienna at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, the state department learned this afternoon.

Charged with Swindling

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 23.—Ripollito Villa, a brother of the deposed Mexican leader, was taken on a train here on instructions from the El Paso police charged with swindling.

Henry Ford Missing When Peace Ship Sails

Christiania, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford was missing when the Ford peace ship party, including recruits and delegates, left for Stockholm for the neutral peace conference. His whereabouts are unknown, but it is known his physician recommended that he detach himself from the party. Editor McClure, of New York, who headed the insurgents aboard the Ford peace ship, and Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, will leave the peace party and tour the belligerent countries.

Declared to be Brains Teutonic Conspirators

New York, Dec. 23.—Paul Koenig is declared to be the brains of the Teutonic conspirators by Chief Rumberg of the American police, was indicted by the federal grand jury this afternoon on charges growing out of the alleged plot to blow up Welland canal. Richard Lyendecker and Edmund Justice, charged with complicity, were also indicted.

Christmas for Convicts Three Days of Liberty

Releigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The governor ordered 500 trustees to be liberated from the penitentiary for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, to return to be locked up on Monday. This is their Christmas gift.

Taxing Engines Used on Nearly every Farm

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's suggestion for taxing internal combustion engines means raising a revenue from machinery used on nearly every farm in the country. The house democrats are reported as disagreeing on this arrangement.

Sentenced to Hang Gets Life Term

Kamloop, B. C., Dec. 23.—"It's Christmas time," said Mrs. Melia Coward, who was sentenced to hang today for murdering her husband, but who was prepared to serve in Westminster penitentiary for life.

On the Italian Front



Left to right—Prince Louise Napoleon, the King of Italy, General Zupelli, Italian Minister of War, and General Cadorna, commander-in-chief of the Italian armies, following the advance from one of the heights of Cadorna.

MISS HELEN KELLER.

Denounces Militarism and Preparedness Before Labor Forum.



Photo by American Press Association.

Miss Keller, blind friend of Henry Ford, is lecturing in New York city and elsewhere against President Wilson's policies.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL MURDERS TWO MEN

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 23.—Robert L. Knox, survivor of customs for the port of New Orleans and prominent Louisiana attorney, shot and killed Benjamin Foster of Hattiesburg, Miss., a close friend and former business associate, and Alexander Franklin, believed to be from Natchitoches, La., in the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad depot here.

According to witnesses Knox walked into the crowded waiting room and without uttering a word drew a revolver and fired three times. Foster, who was purchasing a ticket, was instantly killed.

Franklin was struck by the second or third bullet and died twenty minutes later. After the shooting Knox left the waiting room and surrendered to the police.

District Attorney Holcomb, who attempted to obtain a statement from Knox, declared that all the prisoner would say was:

"He ruined my life."

It was said Knox apparently did not know Franklin had been killed.

BASEBALL WAR IS ENDED

Federal and National League Men Arrange Differences.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Probably the most disastrous war that the baseball game has ever experienced came to a close here when a treaty of peace between the Federal league and both parties to the National baseball agreement, better known as organized baseball, was signed.

Two major league clubs will change hands as the result of the bringing about of peace and two new faces will be seen among major league managers in the future. Charles Weegman, who has been president of the Chicago Federal league club, will purchase the controlling interest in the Chicago National league team from Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati.

Phillip Ball and his associates, who were connected with the St. Louis Federal league team, gain control of the St. Louis American league club from Robert Hedges, Cal. McHamard, John E. Bruce and others, who have long been connected with major league circles.

The agreement gives immunity to all men who have jumped their contracts from both the major and minor leagues of organized baseball as well as other Federal league players. All of them have been reinstated or made eligible to organized baseball.

IOWA EDITOR IS STRICKEN

Charles M. Junkin Seized With Apoplexy While at Work.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 23.—Charles M. Junkin, sixty years old, forty years editor of the Fairfield (Iowa) Ledger, was stricken with apoplexy while at work in his office. He died two hours later. He has been prominent in state Republican politics for more than thirty years.

LORD DERBY'S REPORT IS POSTPONED.

London, Dec. 23.—Apparently there is no prospect of the results of the Earl of Derby's recruiting campaign becoming known until parliament reassembles Jan. 4.

WATCHMAN IS UNDER ARREST

Federal Officers Still Active in Neutrality Plot.

BAIL IS QUICKLY FURNISHED

Edmund Justice is Believed to Be the "Missing Link" in Chain of Evidence Implicating the Hamburg-American Steamship Company.

New York, Dec. 23.—The arrest of Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Hamburg-American Steamship company, was made by federal officers to supply the "missing link" in a chain of evidence proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German government in various plots against American neutrality alleged to have been uncovered by the department of justice.

Justice was arrested as an employee and fellow conspirator of Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American detective bureau, who is charged with plotting to blow up the Welland canal.

Shortly after Justice's arrest a lawyer representing Koenig appeared before United States Commissioner Houghton and gave \$20,000 bail for the appearance of Justice at a hearing set for Jan. 12.

This makes a total of more than \$100,000 supplied by the Hamburg-American company as bail for men accused of plots against American neutrality.

WILL GATHER AT MADISON Wisconsin Republicans Plan to Fix Delegate Slate.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—The Republican state central committee at a meeting voted to hold a "conference" at Madison late in January to fix a slate of delegates to the national convention at Chicago in June.

Only fourteen out of twenty-two members of the committee were present, nine of whom were said to be adherents of Governor E. L. Philipp, four supporters of former Governor F. E. McClover and one a La Follette follower.

Secretary Cameron Frazer of the committee said it was safe to assume that Senator La Follette will have a separate slate of delegates to go before the people at the April election.

It was brought out during the discussion at the meeting that the proposed delegates to be named at the Madison conference would, if elected, go to the Chicago convention unopposed and with "party harmony" as the slogan.

Governor Philipp made it known to his friends on the state committee that he will not be a candidate for United States senator.

ITALIAN TRADE CONGESTED

Vessels Now En Route to Genoa Must Make Some Other Port.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Ambassador Page, at Rome, to the state department, said there was great congestion of shipping at Genoa and that a decree had been issued by the Italian government empowering the minister of marine to take necessary precautions to relieve the situation.

All vessels now en route to Genoa will be required to proceed to some other Italian port.

FARMERS ON BUSINESS BASIS

Co-operation Yields Greater Profits, Says United States Reports.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The advantages of co-operation in the sale of farm products are emphasized in the annual organization of the department of agriculture.

"The conclusion seems warranted," it says, "that in communities where co-operation is practically applied to the farmers' business the results obtained are far more satisfactory than those secured by individual methods."

DAUGHTER SLAIN BY MOTHER

Waywardness of Former Alleged Cause of Tragedy.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Minnie Schmitz awoke her husband, George Schmitz, a carpenter, and told him she had killed their daughter Gertrude, aged seventeen. Schmitz found the girl was strangled with one of his neckties.

The police say Mrs. Schmitz told them she had killed the girl because the latter had been wayward.

British Sent to Saloniki.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on islands in the Eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Saloniki.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

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C. Jensen went to Aitkin this afternoon.

Photo frames, antique gold, for your mantel at D. E. Whitney. 1
C. B. Rowley went to St. Paul this afternoon.

Colonial mirrors for Christmas presents, very appropriate at D. E. Whitney. 1t

H. A. Peterson returned to Barrows this afternoon.

Any article in King's window will make a nice Christmas gift. 16816

Dr. L. J. Sykora, of Duluth, is a Brainerd visitor.

Glasses properly fitted. Dr. Long. 291tf

James Quinlivan of Deerwood was a Brainerd visitor.

Flour, \$2.75 a hundred. Koop Mercantile Co. 156tf

Mayor C. C. Adams of Deerwood was a Brainerd visitor today.

Donald Barrows has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, to spend Christmas.

Skates, Skates! All kinds, all sizes. D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

Mrs. Martin Brady of Fargo, N. D., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bruhn.

25 base burners for sale or rent at D. M. Clark & Co. 111tf

W. E. Lively went to Minneapolis this afternoon to see about an order of Maxwell cars.

Purchase Blue Ribbon Steel Cut Coffee and attend the matinee Wednesday at the Best—FREE

O. N. Parmelee, secretary of J. C. Barber at Twin Oaks farm was in Brainerd yesterday.

Peterson is back again at Smith Auto Co. Have your car overhauled. 16915

Mrs. G. S. Swanson is visiting her sisters in St. Cloud. Her husband will join her tomorrow.

Blue Ribbon Steel Cut Coffee sold by all grocers.

Wm. Wittig of Denver, Col., is visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Theviot.

Pictures, beautiful subjects, artistically framed at D. E. Whitney. 1

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cobb went to Northwood, Iowa, this afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays.

Edison Diamond Disc Amberola and Columbia Records sold by Folsom Music Co., 220 S. Broadway. 159tf

W. H. Holland of the Northwest Telephone Exchange Co. has gone to Chicago to spend Christmas.

William Trappuka and little son who was having his arm dressed, came from Deerwood this noon.

Columbia Graphophones from \$15 to \$300. Hear them at the Folsom Music Co., 220 S. Broadway. 159tf

Mrs. B. Sanger motored to Minneapolis Tuesday with friends and attended the show, "The Birth of a Nation."

Trunks and leather traveling bags from \$3 to \$12. D. M. Clark & Co. 191tf

Frederick J. Miller, a promising young attorney of Pine River, passed through Brainerd today to spend the holidays in St. Paul.

Edison Diamond Disc and Amberola Phonographs. Come in and hear them at the Folsom Music Co., 220 S. Broadway. 159tf

Miss Beatrice Noble, teaching at Shovel Lake, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Noble.

See D. M. Clark's beautiful line of Navajoe blankets. On display in our windows. 159tf

There will be special prayer service this evening at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock. The theme of Christmas will be studied.

If you don't know what to buy, ask King for suggestions. We have any number of suitable selections for Christmas presents for brother, son, husband or father. 16816

Miss Maude Cullen arrived this afternoon from Crosby where she is teaching school and will spend the holidays with her parents.

\$90.00 will buy a good second hand piano at 210 So. 6th St. Wm. Graham. 17212

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Russell of Riceville, Iowa, are spending the Christmas holidays with their sons and families, F. E. and C. A. Russell.

The Ideal will serve turkey dinner Christmas day from 12 to 3 o'clock and from 6 to 8:30 p. m. Telephone for reservations.—Adv. 17212

George Dow, one of the oldest conductors on the Northern Pacific, having a Fargo-St. Paul run, is sick with blood poisoning at the Northern Pacific hospital.

Beautiful silk four-in-hands at H. W. Linnemann. A large and varied stock to select from. 17212

Two bottles of milk fell and smashed in the aisle of a passenger coach on the noon train and baby went without its customary lunch. The aisle was full of milk from end to end.

With every purchase of Blue Ribbon Cut Coffee you will receive a FREE ticket for the Matinee at the Best next Wednesday.

Owing to Mr. Sheridan's recent indisposition, it has been thought advisable to hold just one service this Sunday. The morning service at 10:30. Will the members please take notice.

Read H. W. Linnemann's display ad for suitable suggestions for Christmas presents for men and boys. Cut out the ad, check off the articles you wish and but them at the H. W. Linnemann store. 1t

New Year's day services will be held at 10:30 in the morning at the Swedish Lutheran church. The annual church meeting will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Every member is urged to be present.

One of the most appreciated presents you can make to the young fellows or any athletically inclined boy would be a pair of skating shoes. H. W. Linnemann carries in stock the best line made. 17212

More passenger cars are needed on the Northern Pacific. The St. Paul train had but two coaches. The smoker was filled to suffocation and many passengers were crowded out on the platform. The regular coach had its aisles jammed with suit cases and standing passengers.

The H. W. Linnemann stock embraces the most attractive gifts for men and boys. You'll not find a store more convenient to do your shopping in, nor anything more suitable for Christmas gifts than the articles at the H. W. Linnemann store.—Adv. 17212

Rev. E. J. Carlson will be a busy pastor Christmas week. There will be the services at the Swedish Lutheran church. Saturday noon he goes to Pillager for Christmas services there. Monday evening at 7 o'clock a Christmas program will be given at the Pillager church. At 10:30 Tuesday morning a Christmas program will be given at the Pine River church.

Christmas time is a good time for fires. What would it mean to you? Insure with George A. Tracy, Hayes Bldg. 1t

New Year's Dance, Saturday evening, Jan. 1st, Citizens State Bank hall Music by Blue Ribbon Orchestra. Tickets 75c. 17118

Notice
All union barber shops will close all day Christmas, but will remain open until 10:30 Friday evening. 17212 C. A. SUNDBERG. Sec'y.

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1. Selection.....Brainerd City Band
2. Christmas Carol.....

Brainerd Choral Club

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the New born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled; Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark, the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the new born King; Hail the Heaven born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and Life to all He brings, Rise'n with healing in his wings; Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth, Hark the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the new born King."

3. Remarks.....Rev. H. G. Stacey
4. Christmas Carol.....

Brainerd Choral Club

"Holy night, peaceful night thro' the darkness beams a light, Yonder, where the sweet virgils keep, o'er the Babe who, in silent sleep Rests in heavenly peace, rests in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, guiding star, O lend thy light, See the Eastern wise men bring, gifts and homage to our King, Jesus the Saviour is here, Jesus, the Saviour is here."

5. Selection.....Brainerd City Band

The Brainerd City Band will accompany the Choral Club in rendering the two Christmas Carols. It is suggested that the citizens of Brainerd cut from the paper the verses of the carols and bring them with them so as to assist in the music. Immediately following the program the distribution of gifts will take place; they include 1000 boxes of cracker-jack donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other gifts from the Chamber of Commerce.

The committee in arranging the program have taken into account the possible inclemency of the weather;

and therefore have made it as short as possible. We trust that this will appeal to the citizens of Brainerd and that they will turn out en masse.

Different Sorts of Christmas.

Each stage in our progress from the cradle to the grave has its different Christmas. Old age forgets itself, the ghosts which haunt its memories, and enters into the young creature's happiness with a relish second only to the child's. The grandmother no longer wishes sleds or hoops or gingerbread monkeys for herself, but she looks with love and wonder upon the little beings who respond so radiantly to these objects of domestic manufacture. Between these generations stand the parents, with their own lives of bustle and responsibility and desire, their own games and gewgaws to pursue, but yet with a beginning of the change from living for themselves to living in their young.—Norman Hapgood in Collier's.

The Soft Question.

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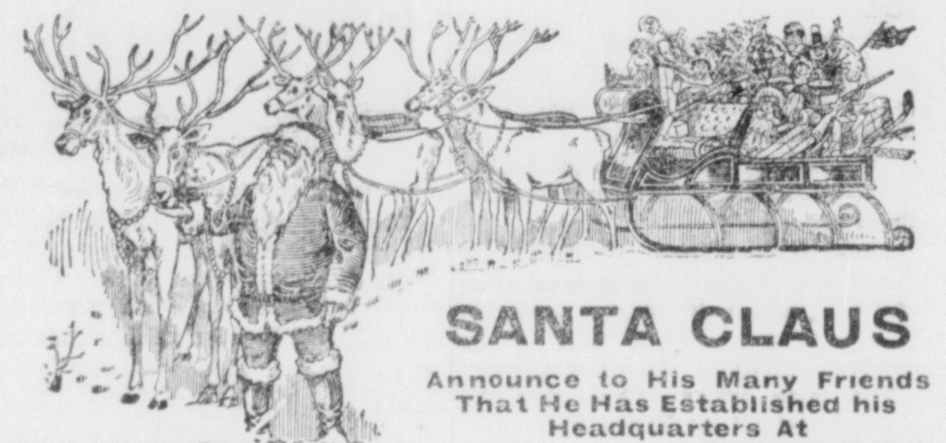
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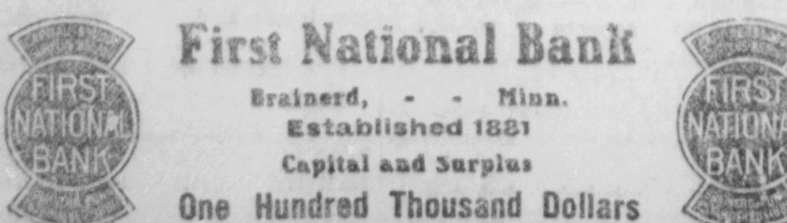
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WOMAN'S REALM

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Winters Please All Wednesday Evening at Baraca Class Lyceum Course

One of the finest entertainments ever procured for the people of Brainerd, was given in the Camel's Hall Wednesday evening, by Emerson Winters and Alice Stire Winters. The names of these entertainers correspond nicely with the weather we are having at present but regardless of this fact about 250 people were present and judging from the number who expressed their appreciation of the entertainment to Mr. and Mrs. Winters, it cannot be claimed anything but a grand success.

The entertainment opened with a whistling selection by Mrs. Winters, followed by "Christmas Day in the Morning," by Mr. Winters. "The Carpenter Man, who Hit his Finger and said a Naughty Word," by Mrs. Winters proved to be something very unusual. The readings by Mr. Winters, including "The Italian, who, this a country make a me sick," "The Village Gossip," followed by a piano monologue, "You don't know how much you have to know, to know how little you know," and various other selections proved beyond a doubt, that the Winters were the best entertainers that possibly could be secured.

The "Song of the Red Bird," by Mrs. Winters, preceeding a reading, "The Song of the Cardinal," by Mr. Winters was little short of marvelous, many had not supposed that such music could be produced by whistling and proved to the entire satisfaction of those present Mrs. Winters to be one of the very few successful whistlers.

The closing numbers on the program, "The Mocking Bird" by Mrs. Winters and a piano monologue, "Foolish Questions" and "Always Leave the People Laughing when you say Good Bye" by Mr. Winters created an impression that would guarantee a full house were they to appear in Brainerd again. The entertainment from beginning to end was a continuous laugh, and in expressing their thanks to the people, Mr. Winters said, "This has been one of the most attentive and appreciative audiences we have ever had the privilege of entertaining."

This entertainment will last long in the minds of the people who heard it, and the committee hope the spell will be broken, only upon the arrival of the Sarah Ruth Bates company, the fourth number of the lyceum course, which will undoubtedly be held in the Camel's Hall January 24, 1916.

Mission Society

The Mission society of the Swedish Lutheran church will be held at the church basement on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Pillager Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church of Pillager will meet on Thursday afternoon.

Eastern Star

Alpha Chapter of the Eastern Star will meet Monday evening, Dec. 27, for the installation of officers. A luncheon will be served. Members are urged to be present.

Young Peoples Society

The Young Peoples society of the Swedish Lutheran church will meet at 9 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 31, continuing to midnight.

WORLD'S FASHION NEWS

Suit for Midwinter has Fur on It—Smartness of High Fur Collar Remains—Other Notes

Because people are staying each year a little later at their country homes, many women are not buying their town frocks until quite late in the season. This all means that about this time of year many of the fashionables are thinking of new suits and gowns for shopping, afternoons, dinners and dances.

As the season creeps into midwinter, subtle changes are occurring in the mode which it is well for the late buyer to take advantage of.

The suit for midwinter has fur on it even as in the earlier part of the season, but it is not by any means used the same. The smarter couturiers are eliminating it from the bottom of the coat, where it previously held full sway. Although the smartness of the high fur collar remains unquestioned, many women, giving first consideration to their health, make the wiser choice of the flatter shawl collar, which, when properly handled, is quite as effective and good looking as the high collar.

More and more women are adopting the smaller waist line, and the really smart coats show a very snugly fitted waist from which they flare audaciously. One of the smartest skirts has a group of box plaits across the sides, and shows strappings of the material at the waist and hips.

In spite of the difficulty in obtaining them, velvets still hold undisputed sway as the favorite material for suits this season. An unusually attractive weave of velvet is known as "Veltuna." This velvet has unusual draping qualities and makes up like broadcloth, a cloth quality which no other velvet possesses. Veltuna is obtainable in the greatest variety of colors in both plain and ribbon corduroy weaves. Velvetene, glove-skins and soft velvet weaves are all excellent fabrics from which leading couturiers are fashioning their smartest street suits. Many of these suits have the usual value of being plain enough for morning wear and yet well suited to the more formal afternoon occasions.

For the tea dansants and receptions there is nothing more charming than a chiffon or Georgette Crepe gown, and few colors that are as becoming or as popular as beige.—From H. W. Gossard Co., Courtesy H. F. Michael Co.

For Grandma Shupe

Grandma Shupe will not be without her Christmas. She is sick at St. Joseph's hospital and the Bachelor Maids have provided a nice tree and other entertainment for her.

Northwest Weekly Tonight

The Dispatch Northwest Weekly will be shown at the Best theatre tonight and it is replete with interesting films. This has become one of the regular features at this popular playhouse and the public look for the weekly resume of northwest happenings with interest.

Notice Degree of Honor Members

All assessments and dues for 1915 must be paid on or before Dec. 28, 1915 to Hannah Falconer, at the office of the Minnesota Telephone Co., Walverman block.

Give Your Help Now

Minnesota will probably have some more than \$25,000 with which to fight tuberculosis as a result of the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign which will close with the end of the year.

The Minnesota Public Health association is much pleased with the advance reports on the seal sales in all parts of the state. Reports from the national society for the prevention of tuberculosis indicate that the seals are meeting with splendid success in every state in the union. If Minnesota realizes \$25,000 from her allotment it will place us on the honor roll of states doing good work this season.

In many communities the state association is assisting the local campaign manager with a mail sale conducted from headquarters; all mail order receipts will be credited to the community from which they come.

With this sum much can be done to prevent the 2,500 annual deaths from tuberculosis in this state and to discover insipid cases existing in every community. The local sale is progressing very favorably but we will have to sell many more before the campaign closes to bring our sales per capita up to where they should be. If every person in this community used ten more seals between now and New Year's day we would have an enviable record.

BEST THEATRE

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HARRY D CAREY that eminent American character actor in a powerful story of regeneration

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Kelly-Carlson

George Carlson and Miss Cecelia Kelly were married Tuesday at 4 o'clock at the court house, Judge J. T. Sanborn officiating. The attendants to the ceremony were Miss Beatrice Morrison and Arthur Dahl, and Mrs. Joseph Wise, sister of the bride. The newlyweds left for Mitchell, S. D., where they will make their home. The bridegroom is a railway man and his bride is a very charming young lady. The Dispatch joins their many friends in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

Cain-Rolfe

William Rolfe and Miss Ruby Cain went to Battle Lake Thursday where their wedding is to be celebrated this evening. Rev. Willard Osborne, a brother-in-law of the bride-to-be, being the officiating clergyman. They will make their home in Battle Lake. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. George Cain of this city. The bridegroom is in business at Battle Lake. The Dispatch joins their many friends in wishing them all manner of happiness and prosperity.

Jensen-Roberts

Last evening at the manse of the Presbyterian church occurred the wedding of Miss Anna Jensen to Henry Roberts, Rev. W. J. Lowrie officiating. The contracting parties are well known in the city. The bride is a sister of Peter Jensen, of Sylvan and Mrs. Irvine Chrysler, of Brainerd, the groom is known to nearly all Brainerd people. He has been in the employ of the city in the water and light department for many years. After a few days visit in the twin cities they will make their home here in the city. Henry slyly stole a march on his friends and got out of the city before they were aware of his intentions. The witnesses of the service were Miss Hannah Falconer and W. F. Dieckhaus.

BARROWS NEWS

R. C. Klinkenberg Hand Cut by Ax—Mrs. H. A. Peterson Visiting in Minneapolis

Barrows, Minn., Dec. 23.—R. C. Klinkenberg had the misfortune of cutting the forefinger of his left hand badly with an ax Monday evening while cutting wood. An artery was severed and the flow of blood could not be stopped until he was taken to a hospital in Brainerd by a physician who was summoned immediately following the accident. It was a bad cut and required five stitches to sew it up. Mr. Klinkenberg reports he finds it quite difficult to perform his duties at the bank properly without the use of his hand, but that it is doing nicely and he hopes to recover in a short time.

Mrs. H. A. Peterson went to Minneapolis the last of the week to visit relatives, returning Saturday night.

Charles Sherlund of Brainerd was in town on business Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Wright and friends from Brainerd visited with Mrs. S. Potter Saturday afternoon.

Steve Perlinger from the Crow Wing country delivered honey in town on Tuesday. He also had a fine wolf pelt which he was taking to Brainerd to receive a bounty on.

Miss Frances Wayte of Brainerd arrived here last week and will spend the winter with her niece, Mrs. S. Potter.

Charles P. Meyers of Duluth was here the last of the week looking after business matters at the Rowley mine.

G. R. Whitehouse was in Brainerd on business Tuesday.

R. T. James of Woodrow passed through Barrows Thursday on his way to Crow Wing.

Louis Revier arrived the last of the week from the Dakotas and is visiting his brother and sister-in-law.

KLONDYKE

Hurrah! for the snow. Maybe some of us can go sleigh riding before the new year.

The Christmas program in District No. 72 turned out very successfully, owing to the time and energy Miss Quinn took to arrange everything. The guests numbering 31 reported a well spent evening. The folks of this vicinity extend their Xmas wishes to Miss Quinn as she leaves for her home in Brainerd to spend her two months vacation.

Miss Ceres called on Miss Esther last Sunday.

Theo. Blomquist spent a few minutes at his home Friday evening.

Mrs. White from Brainerd was a visitor at the Blomquist home one day last week.

Mrs. Hartley visited school No. 72 on Wednesday last.

Miss Blomquist has been counted as one on the sick list for the last week.

There are some splendid cake bakers at Klondyke, salt serves for the same purpose as sugar now days.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CANDY KIDS.

BAY LAKE

The Willing Workers met with Mrs. W. A. Fuller Wednesday. One quilt was tied and another started. The motion was made and carried that five dollars be presented to the pastor and five dollars to the postman for Christmas. Many offered to donate old clothes, etc. to pack a barrel to send the poor in some city.

The B. L. R. P. club December meeting was conducted by the men, Saturday. They served a bounteous dinner (cooked by men only) and entertained all with a grand program. Many interesting features such as, game reserve, good roads, consolidated schools, etc. were discussed and Mr. L. P. Hall, president, asked for volunteer game protection and all responded most heartily.

A large congregation was present Sunday to hear the beautiful Christmas sermon, delivered by Mr. Roper.

The "Stitch and Study Circle" is postponed until a future date because of the illness of the hostess-to-be, Nellie Nelson.

M. J. Rutger was a caller at Dr. Boswell's dental parlor Monday.

Miss Kathryn Simon is suffering from a sprained wrist, we hope it will soon feel better.

"IZIT"

LITTLE PINE

Mr. and Mrs. Kramer and family visited at Sam Merritt's home Sunday. Mrs. Sinclair went to Emily last week.

Services were held at Esquasamah Sunday afternoon by Pastor Reese.

Mrs. Kramer was an Emily caller Tuesday.

Miss M. Stone went to Hill City to spend her two week's vacation.

Myron Mickelson called at Peterson's Sunday.

Anne Matson visited Kugel's last week.

Frank Huff, who went to South Dakota to attend the funeral of his grandfather, is expected to return on Wednesday.

Four inches of snow fell here Saturday.

Ocean Liners' Signals.

One short blast from a liner's whistle when she meets another liner means that she is taking the starboard course, two blasts that she is taking her course to port, three that she is going full speed astern.



HOLIDAY GIFTS

TIMELY PRESENTS

And not only for Today

We Have Many Appropriate Christmas Presents For Men and Boys. Preserve This List. Check off the Articles You Want and then Purchase at the H. W. Linnemann Store.

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Belts
Suspenders
Wool Mittens
Wool Gloves
Hosiery
Neckties
Leather Mitts
Caps
Cuff Buttons
Stick Pins

What is more practical for the Boy than something to wear?

BOY'S THINGS AT 50c

Blouses
Caps
Toques
Kid Gloves
Kid Mitts
Hats
Kazoo Suspenders
Neckwear
Night Robes
Shirts
Union Suits
Cuff Buttons
Watch chains
Stick Pins
Gauntlet Gloves

THINGS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Wardrobe Trunks
Traveling Bags
Suit Cases
Traveling Slippers
Skating Shoes
Fur Caps
Jewelry
Kid Gloves and Mitts
Auto Gloves and Mitts
Bath Robes
Manicure Sets
Collar Bags
Full Dress Sets
Silk Umbrellas
Card Sets
Neckwear in Boxes
Mufflers in Boxes
Silk Hose 25c, 50c, \$1.00
Driving Mitts
Necktie Rings
Silk Handkerchiefs
Initial Handkerchiefs
Bed Room Slippers
Flannel Shirts
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Wool Sweaters
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Mixed Candies, the 25c grade, this Christmas season per lb. 15
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Eleventh Hour Shoppers

Many but late from force of habit or cannot make up their minds on what to give as tokens of their good will and friendship while others wait for just such a condition as now is taking place at the busy Koops Sacrifice sale—It is decided to close out every vestige of Holiday goods at some insignificantly low price—Everything in fine fancy Budoir slippers—Dancing Pumps—Dress Shoes—Fancy Goods—Purses—Jewelry—Silk Apparel—Bath Robes—Silk Hosiery—Finest of Mexican Drawn Work—Imported Battenburg and all remaining box handkerchiefs—Dress or Driving Gloves—Neckwear—Suits and Coats MUST GO at way less than the manufacturers cost—It is fortunate for you who have presents to buy for women and children to be sure and visit L. M. Koops busy store these last hours before Christmas and you will save half and more on any of the goods in stock—Never did your Christmas monty go so far and buy so much quality and quantity as it will do before we close Christmas Eve—Accept our most sincere wish for a most Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours—

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

SPEED OF THE SPARK.

A Fly Ball in New York and a Flash to the Pacific Coast.

Speed! Speed! That is the cry of the wire today, says Mr. Robert Wells Ritchie in an article in Harper's Magazine, in which he makes vivid the swiftness and concentration with which the telegraph and the men who serve it must work when the clamor of the news hungry makes a delay of seconds intolerable.

Once a year in this country comes a test that cracks the nerves of men who groom the wire. This is when the baseball madness advances into the dog days of the so called world's series, when the police have to cleave a lane through the pack watching bulletin boards. Tens of thousands witness the games with their own eyes; many millions demand to be spectators by proxy.

Over the entire stretch of wire from the Polo grounds in New York to San Francisco the circuit is made "blind," it cannot be broken by human agency. All is ready. From Harlem to the Golden Gate the strain is at maximum; men are tensed to action; the wire is alive.

"Cobb flies to Murphy," dictates the baseball reporter in the press stand, judging the trajectory of the batted ball almost with the crack of the bat.

"Cobb flies to Murphy," calls the assistant sporting editor of the San Francisco evening paper, and his voice is megaphoned to the crowd that blocks Kearny street. Before the high fly batted by Cobb on the Polo grounds has reached the traffic policeman standing by Lotta's fountain in the Pacific coast city knows the play is made. "A home run caught out," the reporter in the press stand supplements.

"Murphy never misses 'em," comments the San Francisco policeman before the outfielder has returned the ball to the pitcher's box.

LUXURY IN THE BASTILLE.

The Famous French Prison During the Reign of Louis XIII.

It was during the reign of Louis XIII. that the Bastille became recognized as a prison, especially for notable persons suspected of treachery against the French government. Richelieu used it for the secure lodgment of troublesome opponents, and during his time the celebrated fortress became the luxurious prison of a powerful aristocracy.

Apart from the necessary restrictions, a stay in the famous prison of Paris was little more than an agreeable diversion. It seemed indeed as though the king was determined to show his kindness. He expressed great anxiety for the comfort of his prisoners.

Money could buy in the Bastille all the luxury that could be obtained outside, and should a poor man stray within the impenetrable walls the king was so eager to prove his hospitality that he at once allowed him a reasonable pension. The rooms in which the prisoners were confined were lofty and well aired; the furniture was arranged according to the taste of the occupant. Mme. de Stael, for instance, hung her walls with rich tapestries, and many a distinguished culprit carried with him to the Faubourg St. Antoine his family portraits or a valuable library.

Nor is it in the least significant that the prison barber visited his patrons every morning with a silver basin, perfumed soap and embroidered towels. The best viands, well cooked, were furnished to the better class of prisoners, and at the close of the meals they exchanged visits, played cards and made the walls of the gloomy looking prison ring with their merriment.

"One" as a Pronoun.

I have never been smitten with the use of the word "one" as a pronoun. It takes a word juggler to attempt it and get away with it. Unless one feels that one has won one's spurs in this respect and can extricate oneself from the mess one gets oneself and one's readers into one should avoid the use of the word one in referring to oneself as one would a plague. Westminster Gazette

EVERY THREE MINUTES ONE DIES IN THE U. S.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes, and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune.

During changing seasons, or after sickness, blood-purity is most important, and if you and your family will take Scott's Emulsion and meals it will charge your blood with health-sustaining richness, quicken circulation, and strengthen both lungs and throat. Scott's is free from alcohol—easy to take—it cannot harm. Get a bottle to-day. Scott & Bown, Bloomfield, N. J.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FEDERATION

Secretary E. E. Taylor's Comprehensive Report on Federation of Farmers Clubs

ON MARKETING IN BRAINERD

How the Catalog Trade Can be Eliminated from Brainerd—Short Course Reviewed

Last Saturday afternoon at the close of the Short Course the County Federation of Farmers Clubs held their annual meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. This was the first meeting of this kind held since the Federation was organized last June, and there was a large representation from the various clubs of the county. At the present time there are six clubs paid up and others have signified their intention of joining.

The first matter of importance taken up was the revision of the constitution and by laws. Several radical changes were made; among which were the manner of electing officers; annual dues of the local clubs to the federation; basis of representation on the board of directors and the number of meetings to be held each year.

The following officers were elected under the new constitution:

President—L. P. Hall.
 1st Vice President—A. C. Taylor.
 2nd Vice President—Martin Anderson.

Secretary—E. E. Taylor.
 Treasurer—Mrs. F. C. Peabody.
 Mrs. A. J. Gafke, temporary chairman of the Home Economics committee gave a verbal report in substance as follows:

"The only thing the committee on home economics has done has been the course in Home Economics at the Short Course. In regard to this would say that it has been a success in some ways and not in others. We have found this to be true: That the country women are very interested but it is difficult for them to get here and when they do get here they are anxious to hear the talks on the different subjects. We found in almost every session they wanted to be in both places. So from that we have come to the conclusion that it is not wise to have both courses at the same time.

My own idea of the matter is that it would be better to either have the home economics course at an entirely different time, or bring the matter up before the different clubs and ask the women if they did not want a woman from the Extension Division to come to their club and give them a talk. I think this would be better because it would bring the instructor right into their community."

The committee on farm crops and marketing submitted the following report:

"To the annual meeting of the Crow Wing County Federation of Farmers Clubs:

We, the committee on Farm crops and marketing report that we have given considerable attention and study to the subject of our appointment. Owing to the advanced stages of the season at the time of our appointment, we have taken practically no notice of the matter of farm crops.

As to marketing, however, we feel that some advance has been made in the general understanding of the subject and toward laying a real foundation on which may be, and we trust, will be, constructed such arrangements and facilities as shall materially improve local marketing conditions, and eventually lead to a practical solution of the problem in its larger features. We are confirmed in this feeling from the spirit that not merely prevailed, but covered a meeting of farmers and business men of Brainerd, called by the President of our federation at the Chamber of Commerce club rooms, Wednesday, December 15th, for the purpose of getting a better mutual understanding of each others views and feelings on the subject. While there was perhaps an unusual plainness in statements of views and grievances on both sides, it was evident to every one present that feelings engendered in the past by experiences in this line were held in splendid restraint, not through convention merely, but by the stronger desire for real betterment of conditions and to be helpful, each in his respective sphere, to make Brainerd what it should be in that line.

It was deeply regretted that the meeting called fell on "pay day" so that there were but few of the active merchants, as grocers, dry goods men, etc. present. But there were enough present to represent on both sides a fair proportion of the directing influence toward progress and betterment. Most valuable contributions to the discussion were given by the guests of the occasion, the Extension Division faculty, conducting the Farmers

Short Course, in regard to economic features of the situation and the essential factor in any effort or scheme of betterment "Mutual Good Will." Those talks will not soon be forgotten.

Pending the introduction of any formal practical measures to facilitate marketing R. B. Withington, cashier of the First National Bank of Brainerd, advanced the suggestion, which was heartily approved by the meeting that whenever any farmer had produce for which there was not a ready sale and had any difficulty in disposing of it he should call up the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hansing, for assistance, and if he could not be of any service, or was not available said farmer should call on him and he, Mr. Withington, would take off his coat—and vest too, if necessary—and go out and help him find a market.

As to our findings on the general subject, justice requires us to state that most of the grievances as to selling are with those who have but little to sell, and that not always of a marketable quality. We therefore, would urge all farmers, especially those belonging to our farmers clubs, to make use of their local club to help them in this line. 1st. To decide what crops are best for each to raise for which there will be a probable market. 2nd. Learn to grade and standardize your products for the market and do not expect highest quotations for inferior grades. 3rd. Co-operate whenever practicable and necessary to supply a continuous demand as to quantity and quality, and where you have the stuff let it be known. Following these, the local club may be made of incalculable financial benefit, besides the social and educational benefit now being fairly appreciated.

As to the larger articles for which an outside market may be necessary or preferable we can see no reason why the Farmers Produce Co. of Brainerd, as at present organized, is properly supported by farmers and controlled by correct business principles and management as a cooperative institution cannot render all the service possible at present in their line, which might include besides the creamery, potatoes, hay and livestock. It might also legitimately and profitably purchase the larger articles purchased in bulk flour, feed, salt, twine, etc., also breeding stock for young feeders, etc.

The friction between the merchants and said Produce Co. as far as we can discover, seems to be a fear that should it come to be successful it would take on the retail trade. As to purchasing from merchants in Brainerd or from catalog houses, we maintain the right of the farmer the same as the merchant to purchase or trade where he can get the best service; that the money goes out of a locality for all imports just the same whether the merchant or the farmer sends it; that to deny the farmer this right is to deny him the right to take advantage directly of the modern postal transportation, and exchange facilities which he does his part in supporting.

If the merchants of Brainerd would eliminate the catalog house trade from the community, let them render equal service; let them offer as good a deal on any given order. They claim they can, and they can. On the other hand, let the farmer, other things being equal, give the local market the preference. Let them give the local dealer the same terms they give the catalog house—cash with the order and many misunderstandings and grievances will disappear.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce for the use of their rooms and their hearty cooperation in making the Short Course such a success. And to C. E. Hansing in particular for the work he did in aiding the committee and advertising the Short Course. Also the merchants of Brainerd for the premiums offered for the farm crops exhibit.

In response to this E. W. Thomas took the floor for a moment and briefly outlined the attitude of the Chamber of Commerce toward agricultural interests in Crow Wing county, and extended an invitation to the farmers to become members of that organization and also to use their club rooms whenever convenient for the meetings.

E. E. TAYLOR.
 Secy. Federation of Farmers Clubs.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
 A. W. GLEASON,
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REPUBLICANS CALL ROOSEVELT

Strength of the Colonel One of the Surprising Revelations.

MANY ASSERT HE CAN WIN.

Believe Next Year Will See a Reunion of the Republican and Progressive Parties—Others Say if It's Not T. R. It Will Be Hughes, Who Is a Cold Proposition.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Washington, Dec. 13.—[Special.]—Politics came to town with the new congress. The most surprising thing about the talk was the desire among many Republicans to have Colonel Roosevelt again lead the Republican party. Republicans in close states and close districts where the reuniting of the regular and bull moose factions will mean success are talking Roosevelt with a great deal of earnestness.

Take Kentucky as an example. Congressman Langley, representing one of the Republican districts, says that with Roosevelt at the head of the ticket Kentucky could be carried by the Republicans. Kentucky is a doubtful state, and the Democratic governor was elected only by a narrow margin.

Roosevelt Versus Hughes.

Here is an interesting reason why there is a demand for Roosevelt: If it isn't Roosevelt it will be Hughes. The Progressives in the west who want to return to the Republican party or who have returned are generally for Hughes—that is, if the colonel is not in the race. The sentiment for Hughes is growing so strong that many Republicans think he is likely to be nominated. Now, it may sound strange, but it is a fact, that many of the old line standpatters, regulars from long ago, prefer Roosevelt to Hughes. They hold that they could "do business" with Roosevelt, meaning that they could go to the White House and get jobs for their friends and advise with him about various matters of legislation. They say that Roosevelt would be "reasonable" about all such things, but they think Hughes would be a cold proposition.

Has Good Trading Stock.

Roosevelt has good trading stock and can do business with the Republican party. If he runs independently he could defeat almost any man the Republicans put up. His old followers, both Progressives and Republicans, are standing by him in preference to other men.

"Nominate T. R.," they say, "and there will be nothing to the fight. If will be all over but the shouting." Some of them point to Champ Clark's assertion that Roosevelt will be nominated and think there is something good in it, but old Republicans, who heard Champ Clark predict Democratic victories for sixteen years, do not take much stock in his political judgment.

If Roosevelt holds out and keeps everybody guessing, and even his closest friends dare not guess what he will actually do, he may be able to create a rumormongering in the Republican party.

Shortest Biography.

There seems to be quite a contest for champion of short biographies in the new Congressional Directory. At least a dozen contestants were in the running, but "Frank Park (Dem.) of Sylvester, Ga.," wins out with six short words. His own name without a middle initial gives him a slight advantage over several others who press him close.

Homer Nods.

In a recent article in which he tells all other statesmen how to make a tariff ex-Senator Beveridge chides the ignorance of senators, giving as an example that during the debate on a tariff commission bill in 1910 "a senator long in service asserted that the change in the tariff on anthracite coal was made during the Spanish war, although that important revision was enacted during the scarcity of coal caused by the historic conflict between the miners and the anthracite coal trust."

Homer nods occasionally. Anthracite coal had been on the free list long before that, probably as long ago as when Beveridge was in knickerbockers.

A New Party.

William Pugh Martin of Louisiana has been known by different party names, but he has settled it himself and given congress a sixth party in the house. He is a "Progressive-Protectionist." That ought to afford an idea for a winning name.

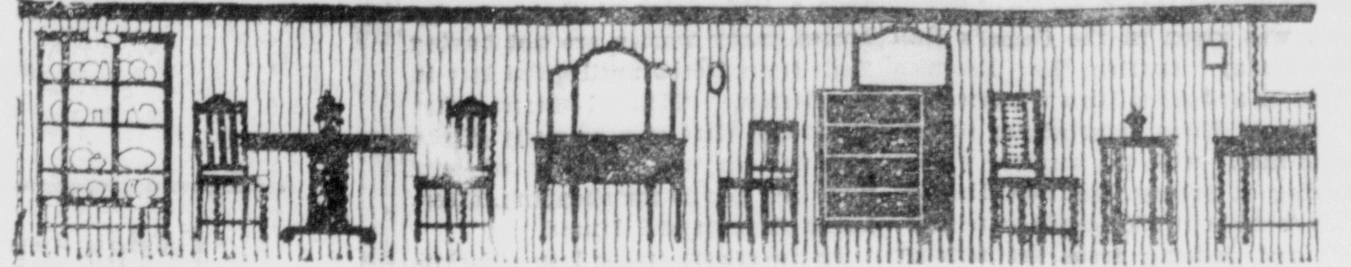
"Mountain Whites."

Congressman Mays of Utah tells the world in his biography that he was born among the "mountain whites" of east Tennessee. That designation is well known down in eastern Tennessee, but it looks odd in a man's biography.

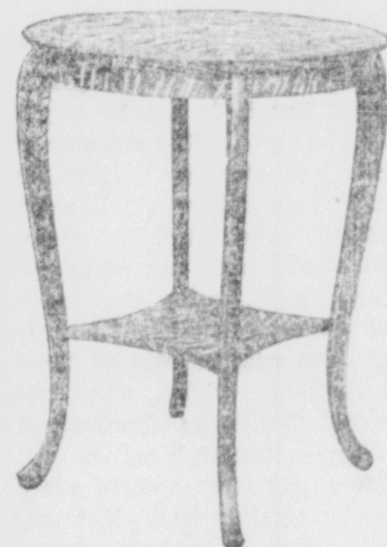
"Jack the Giant Killer."

Quite a number of his newspaper friends have named Clyde H. Tavenner "Jack the Giant Killer" because he has gone out to fight the munition trust with such vigor. The Illinois congressman keeps up his fight the year around, and he asserts that he will have the various organizations which have been supporting preparedness investigated, and, what is more, he intends to prove that they are supported by men interested in the manufacture and sale of war supplies.

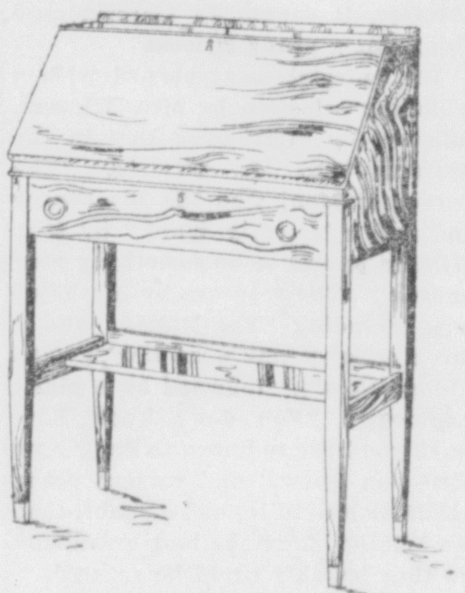
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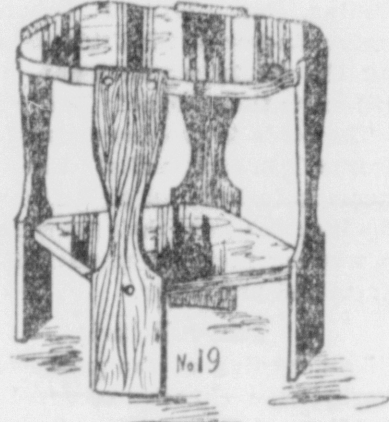
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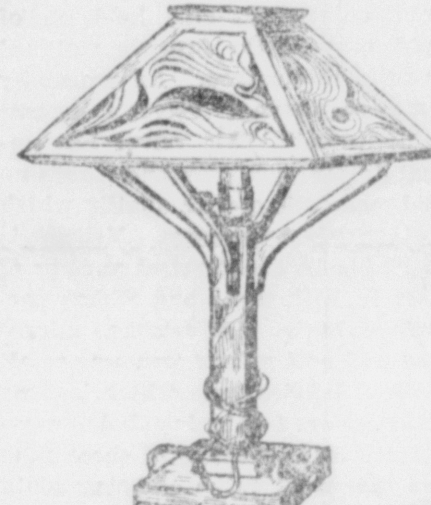
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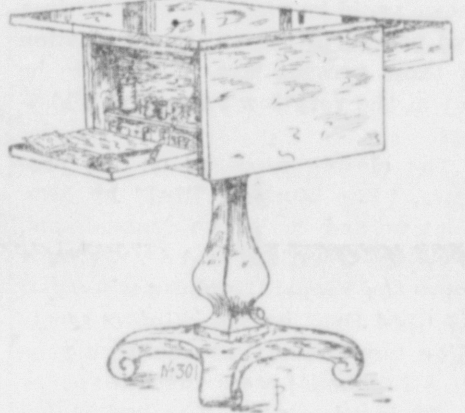
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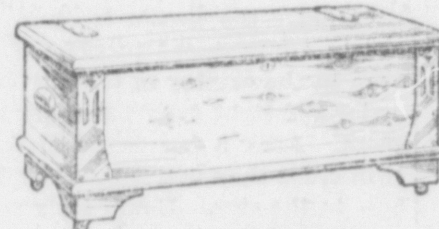
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 Prices from 65c to \$1.45



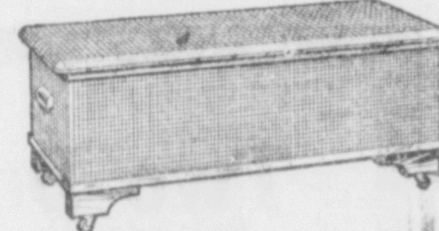
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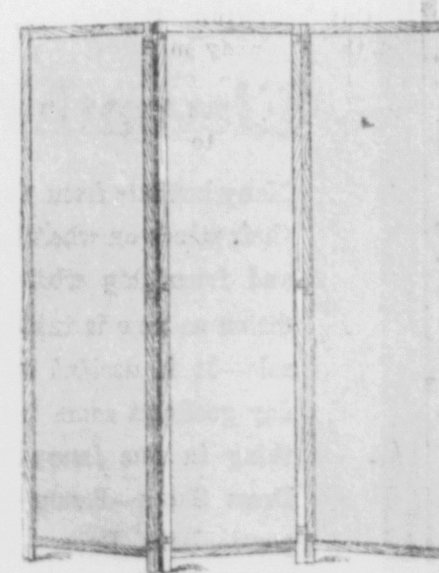
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 Prices from \$12.85 to \$16.25



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Useful, Ornamental Screens
 Prices from \$2.65 to \$3.75

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 Prices from \$1.98 to \$39.70

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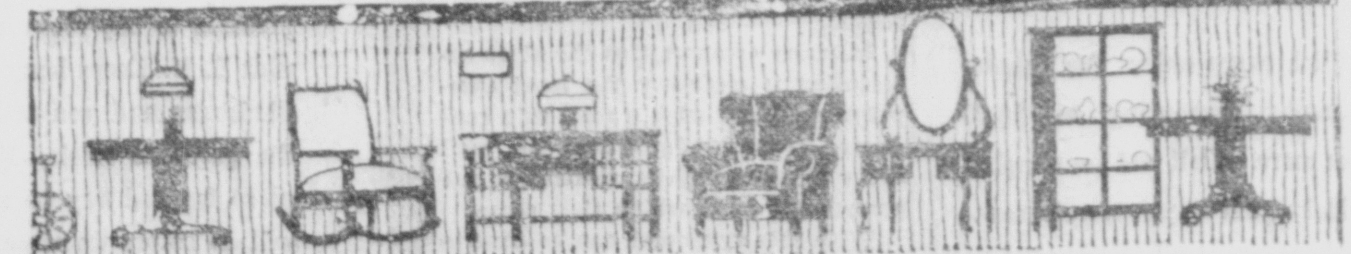
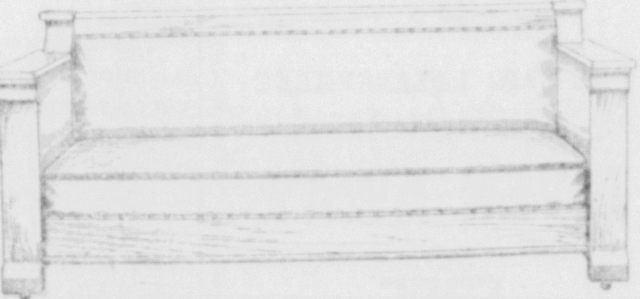
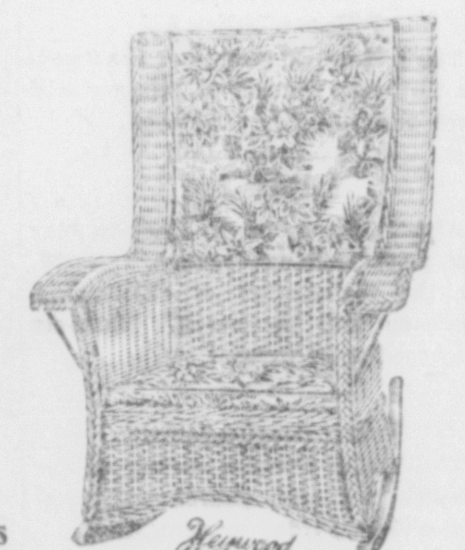
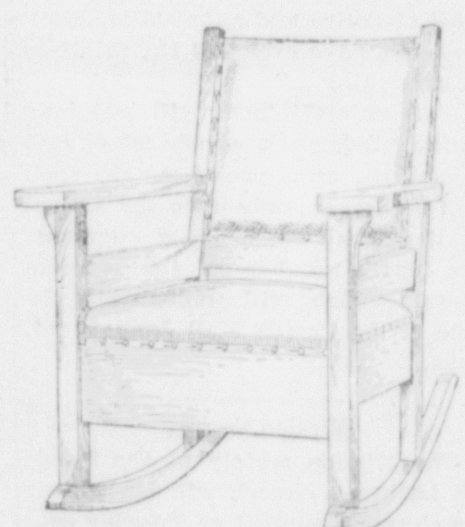
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 Prices from \$2.98 to \$4.35

Couches Davenport Dressers Chiffoniers Buffets China Closets all at our Reduced Prices



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 The Home Furnishers of Brainerd, Minn.

INDIAN AGENTS SEIZED WHISKEY

Ten Gallons of Fine Bourbon Whiskey in Two Kegs Booty of Deputy Indian Agents

CARSON AND BENSON TODAY

Was Billed Through to McGregor, Minn., Located at Local Northern Express Offices

Some one's dream of a lively holiday season tinged with old Bourbon whiskey was rudely shattered this morning when Indian Agents Carson and Benson seized ten gallons of the stuff in two kegs at the Northern Express offices in Brainerd.

It was billed through to McGregor, Minn. The liquor was seized by the agents and conveyed away in a hotel cart quickly commandeered, to be saved as evidence in the case.

Indian Agents left Brainerd on the afternoon train with their eyes set on occupants of the smoker.

GOOD FELLOWS HERE TOO

Three Young Men at Ransford Hotel Spread Christmas Cheer Among the Poor

Three young men at the Ransford hotel, realizing they were far from home, concluded it was no occasion to mope because Christmas had to be spent alone in Brainerd.

"Make somebody else happy on Christmas" was the idea. And they bought supplies and made up ten of the finest Christmas baskets seen in many a day and left them with ten of the neediest and most deserving families in Brainerd.

OUR GRIP COLUMN

Rev. C. Hougstad is recovering from an attack of the grip.

Rev. G. P. Sheridan is getting over a severe attack of the grip.

Mrs. C. Grandemyer has the grip. John Kregelberg is laid low by the grip.

O. H. Johnson, walking down the street with coat and vest open, said he was going to kill the grip that way.

J. H. Noble has the start of the grip.

WOLFORD ITEMS

Miss Edith Frink, formerly of Wolford, died last night at 12 o'clock at the Crosby hospital after having an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Flora Fiester has just arrived from Iowa where she has been attending school. She intends to spend her Xmas vacation at home and then return to Iowa where she has been with her grandmother for some time.

CHANGES HANDS

Electric Shop near Postoffice was Bought Wednesday by an Iowa Business Man

The Electric Shop of Young & Dunham, near the postoffice has been bought by an Iowa man who is an electrical engineer and who will take over the business on April 1. Up to that time B. E. Dunham will be in charge. The consideration is said to have been \$1,000.

Mr. Dunham has accepted a position in Minneapolis, assuming same after April 1. Young & Dunham have been in business eight months in Brainerd, being first established on Front street and later removing to Maple street. They had a very successful business.

The Iowa parties expect to put in a jobbing and retail business, operating throughout central and northern Minnesota.

Mr. Dunham has made many friends in Brainerd who will regret his removing to Minneapolis. He has been a keen, energetic business man, prompt in all his dealings.

POSTOFFICE HOURS

One Complete Delivery Will be Made on Christmas Day and the Window Will be Open 9 to 10:30

On Christmas day there will be one complete delivery of mail from the postoffice and the general delivery window will be open from 9 until 10:30 when it will close for the day. No money order business will be transacted, but the lobby of the postoffice will be open during the entire day for the accommodation of box renters.

On Sunday the office will be open from 9 until 10 for the delivery of mail and those served by carrier can get their mail by calling at the office during these hours.

The Christmas rush is being taken care of by extra carriers, two teams also having been pressed into service in order that all mail may reach its destination in time for Xmas, and on Saturday the Turcott auto delivery will assist.

Christmas is the only holiday that the rural carriers are required to work, Uncle Sam considering that every effort should be made to get the Christmas packages to the rural districts.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends neighbors and relatives for all the kindness and sympathy shown us during the time of the death of my husband, Mr. Jack Fite, also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. JACK FITE,
MR. HENRY, TEMPLE
and Family.

DISPATCH ADS PAY

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's Hospital Dec. 24, Christmas High Mass at St. Francis Church

JULOTTA SERVICES TO BE HELD

Rev. G. P. Sheridan to Preach on "The Honor of a City" at First Congregational Church

Christmas will be appropriately celebrated at the churches of the city in keeping with the spirit of peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

St. Francis Catholic Church
Midnight mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's hospital midnight of Dec. 24.

Christmas high mass will be celebrated at 6 o'clock Christmas morning at St. Francis Catholic church, sung by the children's choir with hymns at the crib by the little children of St. Francis school.

There will be another service at 8:30. At 10:30 high mass will be celebrated with the sermon by Rev. Father J. J. O'Mahoney. Millard's mass will be sung with special orchestral accompaniment.

First Congregational Church
At the Sunday morning service Rev. G. P. Sheridan will preach his last in the series of Christmas sermons, the theme being "The Honor of a City." Special music will be rendered.

The Bible school will meet at 11:45 o'clock. The Young Peoples meeting will be held at 6:45 o'clock. The morning service commences at 10:30 o'clock. No evening services will be held.

Swedish Lutheran Church
Julotta exercises will be held Christmas morning at 5:30 o'clock at the Swedish Lutheran church. There will be a Christmas tree and program at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Sunday morning services as usual at 10:30 o'clock. The evening program will be given by the Luther League.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
There will be services both morning and evening Christmas day. Morning services at 10:45. Subject of sermon "The Hope of the World." The choir will sing "Jule bud" by Christanson and "Ere vere Gud" by Lindeman. Prof. Winther will sing a solo, "Holy Night" by Adams.

Evening service at 7:45 and will be in English, singing as well as preaching. At the evening services the choir will sing a Christmas cantata "Star of Bethlehem" by Harker. The Euterpean Quartet will sing "Arise, Shine" by Maker. Miss Anna Michaelson and Miss Maybelle Johnson will sing "Whispering Hope" by Hawthorne. M. L. Hostager, pastor.

Other Churches
Pastors of other churches are urged to bring in their Christmas services programs. No Dispatch will be printed on Saturday.

CUYUNA NEWS

Pay Day at the Kennedy Mine of Rogers, Brown Ore Co. Sees Big Pay Roll Disbursed

Cuyuna, Minn., Dec. 23—Pay day at the Kennedy mine of the Rogers, Brown Ore Co. saw a large amount of cash disbursed among the miners. Added forces to the underground workings have materially increased the pay roll.

Harry Soloski of Superior, was in town.

Autos instead of teams now carry the mail from Deerwood to Cuyuna. Alfred Bergstrom has added machinery to his shoe shop.

J. H. Buchanan of North Dakota has been visiting his mother and other relatives in Cuyuna. He has gone to Virginia to visit his brother Robert and family.

Vern Bowder of St. Cloud is visiting in the city.

Swan Swanson was in Aitkin early in the week.

Rev. C. C. Adams officiated at the funeral of Kenneth Graves, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Minor Graves.

HUBERT

Mrs. F. Thorp and Miss Thorp returned from Brainerd Monday.

D. M. Brier of Duluth, was here for a day the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Lester and Eula Michael were in Brainerd Saturday to do some Xmas shopping.

P. W. Wieland and E. W. Kaley came out from Brainerd Friday, returning Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Ellison was in Brainerd Monday between trains.

Alfred Soder came out from Brainerd Tuesday to spend a few days with his family.

Prof. Bartsch returned to Brainerd Monday noon.



What Have We For Christmas?

'Twould be hard to tell you all, but our store offers suggestions to you for every member of the family. Come in—See—you'll find a selection easy.

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CIVIC LEAGUE BAZAAR SUCCESS

Ladies Entertainment at Deerwood Nets \$50—Those Who Participated

XMAS AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Deerwood High School Literary Program—Where Teachers Will Spend Vacations

Deerwood, Minn., Dec. 23—The bazaar held by the ladies of the Civic League was a financial success netting fifty dollars. During the evening vocal numbers were rendered by Mrs. P. A. Gough, Mrs. H. J. Ernster, Mrs. Paul M. Hale, Mr. Swensen and Mr. Manuel. Arthur Manuel, Mrs. Ernster's brother, gave a short talk on his experiences while living in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, which was greatly enjoyed. The money made at this bazaar will be used for Christmas boxes for needy families in the village and also toward village improvement work.

There will be high mass in the Catholic church Christmas day at 10:30 in the morning. The choir from St. Joseph's church at Crosby will sing.

The high school literary club gave a program Monday evening in the assembly room. The proceeds netting over \$10 will be used to purchase suitable pictures for the high school.

The Choral club will not meet again until after the holidays.

Mrs. Emma Bierman has closed the Lakeside hotel and is moving into the Wick residence.

Mrs. Miller assisted by Mrs. T. F. Cole and Mrs. More served coffee and doughnuts on the ice at Serpent lake Tuesday evening. The proceeds will be used to buy goodies for the Christmas trees in the different churches.

Deerwood schools close Friday for a two week's vacation. The teachers expect to leave Saturday for the respective homes: Miss Cant to Duluth, Miss Chilstrom to Winthrop, Miss Hickey to northern Michigan, Miss Graham to Brainerd, Miss Jensen and Miss Wetzel to Duluth and Mr. Swensen to Minneapolis.

At the annual meeting of the Swedish Ladies Aid society these officers were elected: President Mrs. C. F. Peterson, vice president Mrs. Jacob Palmer, secretary Mrs. Anton Oberg, treasurer Mrs. Peter Swanson. Thomas Keating, who is now a resident of Minneapolis, tendered his resignation as councilman to the village council. The council refused to accept it as they considered Mr. Keating too good a man to lose just because he was now living in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ernster and baby are spending Christmas in Owatonna.

EMILY NEWS

J. W. Stirewalt and family motored to Mae, to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer. They returned home on Monday.

Mr. Mitchell went to Pequot on Monday, to return on Tuesday with a load of holiday goods for Mr. Wardian and Mr. Lommer, our leading merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rhodes of Outing motored to Riverton to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kling. They returned home on Sunday.

Miss Rose Hoerner teacher at Emily and Miss Verne Sargent of Outing left for Brainerd last Friday for a two weeks' visit with their parents. They will return to their schools on January 1st.

Rev. Abbott of Pine River will hold services at the M. E. church on Thursday, January 6th, 1916.

Miss Ruth Bowman spent Sunday with Irma Rhodes at Outing.

Mrs. J. W. Stirewalt who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Atwater, of Pine River, returned home last Thursday.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Best Theatre

For Friday and Christmas, "The Christian" an eight reel Vitagraph-Liebler production, taken from Hall Caines superb love story will be shown at the Best Theatre on Friday evening. Christmas afternoon and evening. The theme of the photo play, is the conflict between man and matter between the body and soul. It is actually a great love story of the flesh. Besides the wonderful acting that Miss Edith Storey in the character of Glory Quayle, and Mr. Earle Williams as John Storm, have accomplished, the entire supporting cast is superior to any motion picture company that has ever been assembled. While this play which toured the U. S. for eight seasons is full of thrills and emotional values it leaves a deep impression upon all those who see it because it makes a moral appeal to all human nature.

The story requires two full hours to show, yet the action is so perfect and the interest so absorbing that the time passes all too swiftly. Among the many scenes of the play are the great London derby, the enormous mob scenes and the fascinating life of the actress at the music halls.

The Christian derives its name from the single character of John Storm, a young religious fanatic, and it is in no way a biblical or solemn piece but a strong and absorbing drama of today in which every one is vitally concerned and interested.

MUD BROOK

A Christmas arch and the following program will be given by the Mud Brook school on Thursday evening, Dec. 23d of which Miss Rachel Roderick is teacher. Everybody welcome:

Solo, "You're Welcome if You Keep Right Still."
Recitation, "A Christmas Welcome."
Recitation, "Christmas."
Chorus, "While Angels Sing."
Dialog, "Hiding the Presents."
Recitation, "While Angels Watched Their Flocks."
Solo, "Just After Christmas Dinner."

Recitation, "Santa's Mistake."
Recitation, "What They Found."
Recitation, "The Tone of the Voice."
Song, "Herald Harps."
Dialog, "Star of Bethlehem."
Recitation, "Kris Kringle."
Chorus, "Toms Plan."
Chorus, "The Holly."
Recitation, "Scaring Santa."
Recitation, "Walter's Opinion."
Chorus, "What Christmas Means."
Dialog, "A Peep at Santa Claus."
Duet, "A Kick for Old St. Nick."
Recitation, "A Christmas Post Man."

Recitation, "Slighted."
Recitation, "Kitty's Christmas Stocking."
Chorus, "Bells of Bethlehem."
Recitation, "Hanging the Stockings."
Recitation, "Vice Versa."
Recitation, "What I Want."
Solo, "When Good Old Kris Comes Round."
Dialog, "The Home Made Santa Claus" (3 acts).
Recitation, "Progressive Santa."
Chorus, "Bethlehem Town."
Recitation, "Changing the Subject."
Recitation, "Waiting for Santa Claus."
Chorus, "A Christmas Lullaby."
Recitation, "The Christmas Snow Ball."

Help Your Liver—It Pays
When your liver gets torpid and your stomach acts queer, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will find yourself feeling better. They purify the blood, give you freedom from constipation, biliousness, dizziness and indigestion. You feel fine—just like you want to feel. Clear the complexion too. 25c at druggists.—Adv.

Xmas Presents

Useful Gifts for Christmas

We have a large line of the highest grade

Skis	Sleds	Guns
Skates	Stoves	Shears
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Oil Stoves	Gun Cases	Shell Cases
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Nickle Ware	Safety Razors	Carving Sets
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WHICH SIDE OF THE SCREEN

Does your coal come from. Our coal is all carefully inspected before we accept it—is yours? Our coal has no slag or dirt, or in fact any foreign material to add to the weight or detract from the heating quality. We take good care of our trade at all times.

JOHN LARSON



EXTENDS GOOD WISHES

First National Bank of Brainerd Send Out a Happy Personal Letter to Friends

Friends and patrons of the First National bank of Brainerd received in the morning's mail the following personal letter of President George D. LaBar, on stationery breathing Christmas gladness. This is the text of the letter:

"Before you set out on the 1916 lap of your journey down the future's broadening way—we want you to know that the good wishes of the First National Bank go with you. May the coming year be a happy and prosperous one. Be assured that this bank is always interested in your success."

Accompanying the letter was a card stating the bank was reserving for the recipient a beautiful art calendar for 1916, and it can be said that every one so favored quickly called at the bank to get the calendar.

SHIRT LAKE ITEMS

The ladies of this community very pleasantly surprised Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Sherlund with a "Baby shower" last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Drydahl went to Aitkin Tuesday to do their Christmas shopping.

There will be a real old fashioned Xmas celebration at the N. J. Sherlund homestead. All the aunts and uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and grandparents will be present to partake of "Jul grat" och "Lut fisk."

F. J. Winquist is reported under the weather these days.

Fred Peabody and family are spending their Christmas vacation with H. B. Swensen's.

Oscar W. Nelson is busy these days preparing sheep for market.

Many Children Have Worms

Worms are a common childhood ailment. They make children irritable, nervous and restless, besides robbing the body and mind of proper nourishment. Watch your child. Examine the stools and at first signs of worms give your child a treatment of Kickapoo Worm Killer. They kill the worms, act as a laxative and expel the worms and poisonous waste. Tones the system and help restore your child's health and happy disposition. Only 25c at your druggist.

EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease.

War Upon Pain!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful. Mervin H. Solter, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared. Four hours after the second application I was as good as new. March, 1915." At druggists. 25c.—Adv.

A Colony of Roof Dwellers.
To keep the roof of St. Peter's at Rome in proper repair is a task that employs a permanent force of workmen, who actually live upon the roofs and whose families have been there for generations.—Christian Herald.

AT THE EMPRESS THEATRE

Home of the Broadway Star Features and Essanay Chaplins.
First Show 7:30, Second 9:00

TONIGHT ONLY

William MacLeod Raines novel

'Through Troubled Waters'

Vitagraph—Broadway Star Feature in 3 Parts

"Between Two Fires"

Comedy

TOMORROW

Matinee and Evening

"DOROTHY"

Vitagraph Feature

"Rescue of the Brakeman's Children"

Hazards of Helen Series—Railroad Drama

"Bob's Love Affair"

Comedy

SANTA CLAUS will appear at the matinee and give every child a dandy bag of Candy. Bring the kiddies. Admission price to Ladies and Children 5c
You will enjoy this more than a twenty reel show

5 and 10 Cents

BERLIN ANSWER BEING WITHHELD

Officials Receive German Note
on Frye Case.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS PENDING

Possible Bearing of Document on Issues Involved in the Lusitania and Ancona Cases Is the Reason Given for Delaying Publication.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Because of its possible bearing upon the open issues involved in the Lusitania and Ancona cases the state department will not make public the details of Germany's reply to the last American note regarding the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye.

A cable outline of the German reply indicated that it was not completely responsive and left in doubt the attitude of the German government toward the American suggestion that the requirements of the declaration of London, that "before the vessel is destroyed all persons on board must be placed in safety," was not satisfied by merely giving an opportunity for escape in lifeboats on the open sea.

The full text of the German note now has been received through the mails from Ambassador Gerard. It was admitted at the state department, but officials declined to say what response was made to this important suggestion.

Attempts to Rescue Entombed Man

(By United Press)
Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 23.—A force of 120 men, working in relays of forty each, have been attempting to rescue Joseph Ten-Eck who has been entombed in a mine cavern since Monday morning.

Newly Weds Kept in

(By United Press)
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 23.—Snow kept President Wellson and his bride indoors today and during the time the executive cleaned up a mass of official business forwarded him from Washington. This is the last day for Christmas pardons before the stenographer returns to Washington.

Received Note Tuesday

Andornos, France, Dec. 23.—Sarah Bernhardt's physicians admitted that she was seriously but not fatally ill.

Poor Advice.
If you want to know just what you are—just how mean and low down a human being can get—just make your neighbor angry and let him tell you what he thinks of you.—Florida Times-Union.

WANTS

Notices under this head will be charged for at the rate of one cent a word for the first insertion and one-half a cent a word for each subsequent insertion. Advertisers are asked to be brief and to send their notices for less than 100 words.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Girl at Windsor hotel. 1621f

WANTED—Good girl for general housework, inquire Mrs. J. R. Smith, 423 North Broadway. 1721f

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Barn, cheap. 722 So. Broadway. 1721f

FOR RENT—Modern, five-room house 402 Quince street. Inquire C. B. Rowley. 1721f

FOR RENT—New large room for rent for one or two people, also partly furnished rooms for light housekeeping at 307 S. 7th St. 1621f

FOR SALE

FULL size Walnut billiard table for sale cheap. C. A. Allbright. 1571f

FOR SALE—A runabout auto top, worth \$15.00. \$5.00 takes it. Peter Justesen, West Brainerd. 1721f

FOR SALE—Eight 50 foot lots in West Brainerd, store building and lot in village of Cuyuna, and 80 acres w 1/4 section 34, township 44, range 31, Crow Wing county, mortgaged for \$300. Must be sold to close estate. C. A. Allbright, trustee. 1571f

MISCELLANEOUS

SKATE—Sharpened at Sundberg's shoe shop. 16716p

TWO STATES ARE AFFECTED

Liquor Lid May Cover Parts of Wisconsin and Michigan.

Ogdansh, Wis., Dec. 23.—The question whether or not nearly all of northern Wisconsin and a large portion of the upper peninsula of Michigan, including Delta county, are embraced in Indian treaty territory was submitted to Washington.

Petitions are being circulated among the Indians on the Bad River reservation, asking for complete prohibition in their reservation.

The same agencies, it is said, that asked the government to enforce the Indian treaty in northern Minnesota are now engaged in similar work in northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

DENY BERNHARDT'S ILLNESS

Famous Actress Said to Be in Good Health.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Inquiries made at Sarah Bernhardt's theater concerning



SARAH BERNHARDT.

the report that the famous actress was seriously ill brought forth the statement that she was in good health.

ROOSEVELT FLAYS WILSON

"Is Year Late on Defense, Half Hearted and Inefficient."

New York, Dec. 23.—President Wilson is a year late in recommending preparedness, and even now his efforts are "half hearted and inefficient," in the opinion of Theodore Roosevelt.

In an article to be printed in the January Cosmopolitan Colonel Roosevelt severely censures the president's European policy and his recognition of Carranza as well.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax.
Duluth, Dec. 22.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, \$1.17; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16; No. 3 Northern, \$1.12. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$2.11.

Chicago Live Stock.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Steers \$5.80@10.25; cows and heifers, \$2.80@8.30; calves, \$6.25@9.50. Hogs—Light, \$5.70@6.40; mixed, \$6.00@6.60; heavy, \$6.15@6.65; rough, \$6.15@6.30; pigs, \$4.25@5.50. Sheep—Native, \$6.10@6.80; lambs, \$6.85@9.40.

St. Paul Grain.
St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.17@1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13@1.15; No. 3 Northern, \$1.12@1.14; corn, 73¢; oats, 40¢; rye, 40¢; barley, 58¢; 64¢; rye, 91¢; flax, \$2.10.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.21; May, \$1.23; July, \$1.13. Corn—Dec., 70¢; May, 74¢; July, 74¢. Oats—Dec., 42¢; May, 45¢. Pork—Jan., \$18.17; May, \$18.35. Butter—Creameries, 26¢; 23¢. Eggs—27¢. Poultry—Springs, 12¢; fowls, 11¢; turkeys, 17¢.

Minneapolis Grain.
Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.17; May, \$1.18; July, \$1.17. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, \$1.20; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17@1.18; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13@1.15; No. 3 Northern, \$1.06@1.12; No. 3 yellow corn, 73¢; No. 3 white oats, 40¢; flax, \$2.10.

South St. Paul Live Stock.
South St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; steers, \$3.75@8.75; cows and heifers, \$4.25@6.00; calves, \$3.25@8.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@6.75. Hogs—Receipts, 14,500; range, \$5.75@6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; lambs, \$2.00@8.65; wethers, \$4.75@6.25; ewes, \$2.50@6.00.

St. Paul Hay.
St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Hay—Choice timothy, \$12.75; No. 1 timothy, \$12.00@12.75; No. 2 clover, mixed, \$10.00@10.75; No. 1 mixed, different grasses, \$10.00@10.75; No. 1 mixed, timothy and wild, \$10.75@11.50; choice upland, \$12.75; No. 1 upland, \$12.00@12.75; No. 1 midland, \$7.00@8.00; No. 1 alfalfa, \$15.00@15.75.

OLD GUARD NOW OPPOSES ROOT

Many Former Supporters Turn
to Hughes as Strongest Man.

BOTH ARE NEW YORK MEN.

Politicians Fear, However, That if Hughes Goes to White House He Will Be a Cold Proposition, and They Couldn't Get Fat Jobs For Him. Compared to Wilson in This Respect.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Washington, Dec. 23.—[Special].—Many members of the old guard gained the impression during the meeting of the Republican national committee that there would be serious opposition to Elihu Root among Republicans of the west. As a result quite a number of men who have been talking earnestly for Root have turned their attention to other possibilities and candidates. The word possibilities is used to include Justice Hughes and others, who are still uncertainties. It was not so much the fact that these men did not think Root would make a good president, but they feared he could not be elected unless there was a greater landslide than is now in prospect.

Turned to Hughes.

It may seem strange that men who were supporting Root turned to Hughes, but such is the fact in regard to quite a number of standpatters and others who want to win. There are men in the Republican ranks who believe that Root would be strong before the country because they know that he was as secretary of war, secretary of state and United States senator. But these men also believe that Hughes will be the next strongest man, if not the strongest man, who can be named by the Republicans.

Won't Do Anything For Anybody.

Talking with a southern Republican, I got the real opposition to Hughes in the Republican ranks. "They tell me he won't do anything for anybody," said this man from south of Mason and Dixon's line, but who is as staunch a Republican as ever drew a salary from the government. What he meant was that none of the faithful could expect to get rewards for political work from Hughes when he became president.

"I'm told he will be as cold a proposition as Woodrow Wilson, and that is going some," remarked another politician. It might as well be stated, for it is a fact, that most of these impressions of Justice Hughes come from New York Republicans, who are just as much for Hughes now as they were when they sent a delegation for him to the convention in 1908.

Massachusetts Expectations.

Senator Lodge soon after coming to Washington issued a statement announcing his cordial support of his colleague, John W. Weeks, for president. A few days later Lodge met his son-in-law, Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, and this conversation ensued:

"I saw your statement about Weeks," said Gardner.
"How did you like it?" asked Lodge.
"I didn't like it," replied Gardner.
"I did not expect you would like it," said Lodge.
"I did not expect that you expected I would like it," was Gardner's closing remark.

Can't Do Anything.

The Congressional Record is being stuffed. In the house they print everything they can under the "leave to print" rule and criticize the senate for putting a lot of extraneous matter into the Record. In the senate they print all the memorials of state legislatures on all kinds and conceivable subjects and criticize the house for its "leave to print" speeches. But no one cares particularly what happens to the Record.

Ordinarily Reed Smoot takes it upon himself to see that the Record is not unduly used as a vehicle for purveying all sorts of ideas, but the Utah senator can't do everything. He has a mighty lot to do as it is.

Borah Will Not Get Serious.

"If you don't stop making fun of my boom I don't know what I'll do with you," remarked Senator Borah to a newspaper friend who was congratulating the Idaho man upon his prospects of carrying Alaska. The man was referring to the flattering manner in which a certain Alaska man had spoken of Borah's popularity.

Borah will not allow himself to take his presidential prospects seriously, although he likes to have others think that the convention might do much worse.

Tariff Commission Bills.

That serious consideration is given to a tariff commission is shown by the number of bills that have been introduced for such a body. Many men have introduced bills for a tariff commission, and quite a number of men have introduced bills which have been prepared by different organizations which have made a specialty of boosting measures for a tariff commission. "Take the tariff out of politics" is a good slogan, but it is found that the tariff is the first subject of political discussion which comes up in congress, and it is generally the last.

GENERAL VON EMMICH DEAD

German Conqueror of Liege Passes Away at Hanover.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The death at Hanover of General von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, is announced by the Overseas News agency.

General von Emmich, as commander of the Tenth army corps, figured



GENERAL VON EMMICH.

prominently in the early events of the war, being commander of German troops which invaded Belgium.

The heavy loss of life suffered by the Germans at Liege was said to have shattered the confidence of the general.

British in Appeal for Serbs.

London, Dec. 23.—An appeal for funds for Serbian refugees, signed by the bishop of London, Earl Curzon of Kedleston, the Earl of Desart and the Right Honorable Herbert H. Samuel, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, was issued here.

DECISION HITS LEGISLATORS

May Be Compelled to Pay Back Mileage Money.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—Members of the Illinois legislature may be compelled to pay back to the state approximately \$26,000, which they voted themselves to pay their railroad fares last winter in making trips between their homes and the state capital, to attend legislative sessions.

The supreme court, before adjourning for the holidays, handed down a decision sustaining the Sangamon county circuit court, which declared the mileage bill passed by the legislators last winter to be unconstitutional.

Constitutionality of the bill was questioned in recent suits brought by John B. Fergus, a taxpayer of Chicago.

TRAIN WRECKERS TO CELL

Prison Sentences Imposed on Pair Who Pleaded Guilty.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 23.—Prison sentences from five to fifteen years each were imposed in the superior court here on Antonio Vernalde of Bridgeport and Paul Karuba of Portland, who pleaded guilty to the charge of wrecking a passenger train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Maromas, Aug. 27, 1911.

In the wreck sixty persons were injured, one of whom died later.

The First Christmas Tree.

"The Christmas tree was introduced into England and thence into America by the Germans," said a dealer in toys. "I am going to sell Christmas trees this year, and recently I have been trying to find out who the man was who first exploited the tree outside of its German motherland. I want to use this information in an advertisement, but I have not completed my researches yet. I have got as far back as the time of Henry VIII. I have copied in my notebook an account of a Christmas tree that was trimmed and set up before that king." The dealer then read aloud the following paragraph, pointing out, as he proceeded, the quaintness and charm of the old spelling:

"Axyante the XII day, or the daye of the Epiphanye, at nighte before the banquet in the Hall of Richmond, was a paezant devised like a mountayne glistering by night, as tho' it had bene all of golde and set with stones; on the top of which mountayne was a tree of golde, the branches and bowes frayed with golde, spraydunge on every side over the mountayne with roses and pomegranettes. The wiche mountayne was with vices (serews) brought up towards the kynge; and out of the same came a ladye apparelled in cloth of golde, and the chylidren of honor called the henchmen, which were fresh disguised, and danced a morice before the kynge; and that done, re-entered the mountayne; and then it was drawn backe, the wassall or banquet brought in, and so brake up Christmas."

The best protest against the abbreviation "Xmas" is the suggestion that it should be changed to "smas." Or, to most children, the day is "smas" and "smas," and to the grownups it is "smasmas."

MERRY

CHRIST'S coming inaugurated among men a new era of good will and as a consequence thrones are tottering, chains are loosening, prison doors are opening and practical Christian beneficence is flooding the world with sunshine and fills it with songs of gladness.—Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson.

HERE is that "glad tidings," that gospel of "great joy" of which the angel spoke to the wondering shepherds—this announcement of God's love for man and man's sonship to God. And these "glad tidings" are for "all people," so the angel said. There is not a single soul to whom the tidings of Christmas come that is not assured of the love of the almighty and infinite Father.

REFORM ye, then—so sounds the voice of the Eternal Spirit, the power back of evolution—reform ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! So we may gird ourselves to every task of reform with new hope and fresh enthusiasm and ring our Christmas bells again.—Rev. Dr. H. Heber Newton.

IT may be that in every gift with which at this blessed Christmas tide we gladden our children's hearts we are the Magi again offering treasure to the Holy Child. We may make it so. But richer gifts than these will be required. Our endurance shall be our gift to him who gave himself. Is there toil for us, that we may honor him? Is there self denial? Are there holy consecration and humble service, that shall make the world at last a spotless sacrifice to him who purchased it?

SO we keep Christmas because of its good tidings of great joy. The season of its occurrence is our ripest time. The north wind and the snow in that wind have made us what we are. It drove us to the hearth, to the sacred fire of the inner circle, to the building of the key-stone in the arch of our civilization, the home of the Christian man.—Rev. Dr. S. P. Cadman.

TODAY all institutions are beginning to imitate the wise men from the east, who brought to the Divine Child their gold and aromatic spices, their frankincense and treasure. Christ's estimate of the value of childhood has conquered the world. His thought of childhood is the very heart and genius of Christian civilization.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis.

MORNING, noon and night, for breakfast, dinner and supper, the first thing on awaking and the last thing on going to sleep, every hour of every day of every week of every month of the year we want the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of administration, of giving, of service, of doing for others.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark.

AND did you ever think what a peculiarly blessed sound in the ears of those watching shepherds of the valley of Bethlehem was the announcement of the angels, "Christ has come?" Ever since the gate of paradise was shut against our first parents his advent had been looked forward to as the hope of a lost world.

STILL there is call for strenuous endeavor and constant fight against evils without and within, as though God would remind us that this is not our rest, that the true holiday (holy day, as it used to be written) is above at his right hand.—Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson.

Two Boston Firemen Killed.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Two firemen were killed and a third was seriously injured when a floor collapsed in a burning factory building on Cambridge street. The fire caused damage estimated at \$50,000.

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